S.No.	Name of the State	No. of Kendras	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
20.	Tripura	3	757845	1107486	1576140
21.	Uttar Pradesh	63	18549467	22234237	34683377
22.	West Bengal	22	' 6948292	6769523	11501920
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	324977	891281	2257100
24.	A & N Islands	6	1390791	1372240	2695780
25.	Chandigarh	1	110753	312482	431640
26.	Delhi	3	942704	1098701	1324520
27.	Goa	3	344937	420174	1322040
28.	Lakshdeep	1	37320	40233	423980
29.	Pondicherry	4	911148	783912	1820960
30.	Mizoram	3	444421	765798	1394640
31.	D & N Haveli	1	252389	203160	480740
32.	Daman & Diu	2	413280	426144	881260
	Total	500	134895016	13793744	253492539

Policy to promote sports

1200. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a policy to give priority to sports on the lines of the countries of the world with small population;

(b) if so, the budget provision made for this purpose for Himachal Pradesh during the current and next year;

(c) whether Government have received any communication in this regard from Himachal Pradesh Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Budget provision is not made state-wise or for a particular state, but scheme-wise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Asian Gaines

1201. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have shown interest in organising Asian Games;

(b) if so, where;

(c) whether preliminary preparation has started; and

(d) which Indian Games will be played over there?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) With the approval of Government of India, Indian Olympic Association, the apex body for holding Asian Games, is bidding for the 2006 Asian Games being held at Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Disciplines are yet to be finalised. However, Kabaddi, the Indian Game is one of the Asian Games disciplines since 1990.

Drug Addiction Among Indian Athletes

1202. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian athletes are made addicted to drugs;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item which appeared in the Marathi daily ""Loksatta", dated 30th January, 2000; and

(c) it so, what is the response of SAI and Government over this?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The article discuss the use of drugs, in general, in sports. No reference is made about India.

(c) In India, there is a Dope Control Laboratory funded by Government of India, being operated under Sports Authority of India at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. This laboratory is conducting a comprehensive drug testing programme with the aim of deterring elite level athletes from taking prohibited substances. The laboratory is engaged in carrying out dope testing on probables during coaching camps and selection trials and Random testing of our sports persons selected for participation in any international competition/tournament. In addition, the SAI Scientists manning the Dope Control Laboratory also visit SAI Centres, national campers, coaches and doctors regularly and educate them against the use of drugs in sports. SAI Sports Scientists have also prepared an information guide "Drug Abuse in Sports' which are distributed to sports persons, coaches and doctors as part of an education programme.